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ABSTRACT

Poetry helps people to focus on the world, to focus more clearly on what is inside a person and all around. This anthology of poems by America's best poets contains many kinds of poems aimed at many kinds of readers. The poems in the anthology are meant to be enjoyed by children, but they are not necessarily "children's poetry." Each poet whose poems appear in the anthology writes about the links between poetry and childhood, and each poet is represented by a current photograph and his or her photograph as a child. Poets in the anthology include: Marvin Bell, Molly Bendall, Robert Bly, David Chin, Vic Coccimiglio, Robert Greeley, Rita Dove, Cornelius Eady, Martin Espada, Tess Gallagher, Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Allen Ginsberg, Nikki Giovanni, Andrew Hudgins, Milton Kessler, Galway Kinnell, Carolyn Kizer, Ted Kooser, Maxine Kumin, Stanley Kunitz, Greg Kuzma, Li-Young Lee, Heather McHugh, Kyoko Mori, Sharon Olds, Linda Pastan, Diana Rivera, Liz Rosenberg, David St. John, Maurya Simon, W. D. Snodgrass, Girard Stern, Ruth Stone, Lucien Stryk, Alice Walker, Jane O. Wayne, Dieter Weslowski, and Robley Wilson. (NKA)

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